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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is herewith filed in conjunction with the filing of a new U.S. Patent Application. Any fee required as a result of this Preliminary Amendment is attached. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken or should there be a fee deficiency, please charge deposit account no.: 50-0150 for the amount of the deficiency.

Please amend the application as shown below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

13. Computer program comprising program code means for performing the steps of claim 8 when said program is run on a computer.

REMARKS

The amendment removes a multiple dependency from claim 13. The amendment was not made for a reason related to patentability, and the full range of equivalents for all of the elements of the amended claim, as well as for all of the other claims, should remain intact.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted:
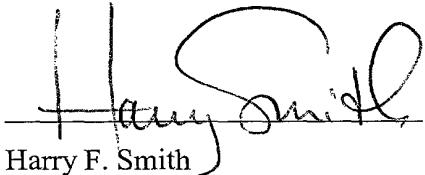
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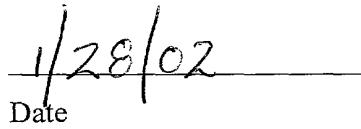
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ADDED PAGE(S) TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 13 as follows.

13.Computer program comprising program code means for performing the steps of ~~any of the claims 8 to 10~~ <u>claim 8</u> when said program is run on a computer.